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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sheil Park Field House Renovation in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Chicago Park District located at 541 N. Fairbanks Ct. Floor 7 Chicago, IL 60611. The funding would be used for major renovation to the field house to include new roof, masonry, and lintels. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the inside of Sheil Park rivals the hustle and bustle of Southport Avenue where it's located. The park, featuring a fieldhouse building and an adjacent new playground, is 0.47 acres and it keeps Lakeview residents healthy and active with affordable, quality indoor programs, and fun family events. In a typical pre-pandemic year, the Park District offers over 300 different programs at this facility, serving nearly 5,500 registered patrons. This is in addition to the multitude of latent park users (e.g., playground) and event programming in the park. This project is located in a Census Tract with 28.2% low to moderate income, based on 2011-2015 ACS.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley

Member of Congress

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